



6/19/52--Mr. Jester, formerly American Consul General, Dakar, was called for consultation with CIA on French West African matters in 1952.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
American Consulate,  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada,  
June 12, 1952.

*He did not  
discuss any of the  
matters of the  
kind stated in his  
communication.*



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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO

Dear Chief:

I enclose a copy of a communication which is intended for whatever official of the U.S. Government it would interest (hence not specifically addressed) from Mr. Jaroslav Stetsko, the President of the A.B.N. Bloc of Nations, and a former Prime Minister of the Ukraine, concerning his interest in contacting appropriate officials of our Government while he is on this side of the Atlantic. I am in touch with him. He is in Canada with his wife on a two months visa which expires at the end of this month. He is due to return to Europe at that time. He may have to fly to London for a few days around the 17th of this month for a conference of all the heads of the various national groups in the A.B.N. organization, but if he does so, plans to return to Canada immediately for the completion of his visit and work of contact here. There is something of an urgent nature stirring within that organization at this time, reacting as I understand it, to some forthcoming pressure tactic on the part of the Soviet Union.

Mrs. S. applied for him and herself for a visa for the States at the American Consulate General at Toronto about six weeks ago, and was given a brush off. Was told to come back in two months and they (Vice Consul) would see what could be done. x

I have reported the desire of Mr. S. to contact our people, together with ~~another~~ an earlier draft of the enclosed communication, but almost identical - which came to my hands thru the intermediary assistance of a local contact who is closely in touch with these people, - to Amb. Woodward who in turn has referred it to Washington for instructions. We are awaiting Washington's reply. I am fearful that our political boys, will, out of excessive caution, miss a fine opportunity to make direct contact with an exceedingly valuable source of information. These people are receiving information all the time from behind the Curtain. With encouragement and direction, they could obtain a great deal more. What's more, with encouragement they could create a better and more effective underground. What's wrong with the idea of encouraging people who are willing to risk their lives in order to fragment the enemy - and who themselves seek the freedom and independence that we talk about so much?

I can see a reason for caution in not appearing openly to flaunt the leaders of the insurgent groups in the enemy's face. But what are they doing to us in sending in Zarubin? However, Mr. S. is here under a passport bearing another name. Also his wife. Passport was issued by the West Germany Government, and has been visaed by the British and Canadians. They are in the know. If desired, this man's presence in the States could be kept under wraps, and if further desired, he could surely be brought in for contact for our people without making contact with his own groups while there, - for fear that they might attempt to publicize and exploit his presence. I am sure that he would agree to any formula that might be worked.

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for he is serious in his desire to contact the proper parts of our organization, and I believe sincerely that he has got something to give.

You will know how to handle this, and when to approach. Please keep me out of it, since I am working through the other channels, - but without much hope. If there is to be a firming up of policy and procedure, now is a good time to begin, while at least one key peg is on the doorstep. This man can speak with considerable authority for the insurgent, and underground operations, and I think he would impress with his quiet sincerity and determination.

His wife, who is also a very shrewd and knowledgeable person, (although seemingly a quiet hausfrau) would accompany him if at all possible. She apparently sustains him a great deal in his endeavors. They fear the M.V.D. here. He sleeps, I am told, not more than twice in the same place. A couple of husky youngsters accompany him quietly wherever he goes. If he could go to Washington, he might wish to bring his own interpreter. He speaks Ukrainian, and I believe a little German. Understands a little English, but does not speak it sufficiently well to make use of it.

I would suggest a party of three (Mr. & Mrs. & interpreter) very quietly arranged, and to guard against unfortunate eventualities, some of our own people to take over at the border, if travel should be by surface. It would be much better to fly them direct to Washington. Why couldn't the M.A. at the Emb. be instructed to quietly bring them down. Keep them under wraps, and set them back down in Canada with few in the know. They are in Toronto, but that airport is too busy. If this method were used, some quieter spot such as Ottawa or even this place, should be set-up.

This, I suppose, is another one of these attempts to help the cause which went register in the press of the pursuance of present policies, but I thought I would at least have a try at it, and I knew that you will know how and where to work, if the idea is any good.

All the best to you,

Sincerely,

